

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed December 23, 2004. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 4 and 6 - 20 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claim 1 and has cancelled claim 5. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 10 - 20 are allowed. Additionally, the Office Action indicates that claims 4-5 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As set forth above, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations previously recited in claim 5. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 1 and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

The Office Action indicates claims 1-3, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Nakamura* (US 6,222,225). Additionally, the Office Action indicates that claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nakamura* in view of *Lin* (US 6,673,676). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections. In particular, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations previously recited in claim 5, the allowability of which is set forth in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 3, 8 and 9 are in condition for allowance.

Cited Art of Record


The cited art of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Amendment and Response. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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